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ABSTRACT

~~The invention relates to a~~ A clutch assembly in which a clutch ~~(K1)~~, in order to engage, is pressed together against the force ~~(FKS)~~ of the lining springiness via a lever plate. An additional spring force ~~(FTF)~~, which acts upon the lever plate in an opposite direction, alters the load placed on the clutch actuator whereby enabling it to be adapted to a linear compensating spring in an advantageous manner ~~better than in the prior art~~. The additional spring force ~~(FTF)~~ is preferably applied by a disc spring, whereby the lever plate itself can be provided in the form of a lever disc spring. On the clutch actuator, a change in the direction of force can be prevented when the spring forces are appropriately matched.